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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97 ff within the time specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

Enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the four (4) references cited in the concurrently filed English language International Search Report for this application.

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In view of the above, all requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 ff and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner consider each of the four (4) references identified in the enclosed PTO Form 1449, make the considered references formally of record, and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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